Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) In 1115 for Rs. 176.

(*b*) In 1113 for Rs. 274.
In 1114 for Rs. 299.
Mr. T. K. Ittimathew in both the years.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) 1. T. K. Ittimathew at 26 % less.
2. P. N. Velayudhan at 40 % do.
3. K. K. Paran at 50 % do.

(*e*) K. K. Paran on 21st August 1940.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The work was entrusted to the present contractor, his rates being the most favourable to Government.

COURTS AT ERNAKULAM—SHIFTING OF

62. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether Government intend the transfer of the High Court and subordinate courts of Ernakulam to a new site and if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government kindly state the reasons therefor?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know what exactly is the matter under the consideration of Government? My question relates to the shifting of the courts and the reasons therefor. May I know whether the reasons are under consideration or the act of shifting under consideration?

Mr. President: Both are under consideration.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether Government have tentatively decided the site?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It has not been definitely fixed. All these matters are under consideration.

Mr. President: Tentatively, the site is fixed to be on the Shanmukham Road.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government will consider the possibility of shifting the High Court to Trichur?

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* What are the main reasons for shifting the court-house from its present location ?

Mr. President: Congestion of space in the public offices.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What is the approximate expenditure?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Those things are being worked out.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Have the Government any idea of what the cost to Government will be?

Mr. President: You will get all the details in one or two months' time.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* For how long has the present building been standing ?

Mr. President: You are a senior member. You ought to know better.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* They have been standing there for 50 years.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Whether Government intend to take up this work in 1116?

Mr. President: We have not decided. The only thing that has been done is to fix up the site tentatively. We are aware that the present public offices are congested. So, we thought that we might probably consider the problem of putting up of a new building to house all the courts, and we have tentatively fixed up the site. Just now the preliminary plan is being prepared. After knowing the approximate cost and other things, we will decide how much we can afford to spend. This has not taken any definite shape.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Have Government any idea of the congestion in the library in the High Court? It is like a godown.

LEVEL CROSSING—NEAR PUNKUNNAM RAILWAY STATION—CONVERSION INTO OVERBRIDGE OR TUNNEL

63. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have considered the necessity of converting the railway level-crossing on the Trichur-Kunnamkulam road near the Punkunnam railway station into an overbridge or an underground tunnel;

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